## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION MDL No. 2323

This relates to:

Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint and (if applicable) Jeff Nixon, et al. v. NFL, USDC, EDPA, No. 12-cv-3352

**JOCELYN BORGELLA** 

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

## **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiffs, **JOCELYN BORGELLA**, and Plaintiff's Spouse **KATINA BORGELLA**, bring this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Spouse are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Spouse, incorporate by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

## 4. NOT APPLICABLE

- 5. Plaintiff, **JOCELYN BORGELLA**, is a resident and citizen of Miami, Florida and claims damages as set forth below.
- 6. Plaintiff's spouse, **KATINA BORGELLA**, is a resident and citizen of Miami, Florida, and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband.
- 7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in United States
  District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

| 9. | Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]: |                                  |  |
|----|---|----------------------------------|--|
|    | <u>X</u>  | Injury to Herself/Himself        |  |
|    | <u>X</u>  | Injury to the Person Represented |  |
|    |   | Wrongful Death                   |  |
|    | _   | Survivorship Action              |  |
|    | X   | Economic Loss                    |  |

|         |          | Loss of Services   |
|---------|----------|--|
|         |          | Loss of Consortium   |
|         | 10.      | As a result of the injuries to her husband,, Plaintiff's                           |
| Spouse  | e,       | , suffers from a loss of consortium, including the                                 |
| follow  | ing inj  | uries:   |
|         | <u>X</u> | loss of marital services;  |
|         | <u>X</u> | loss of companionship, affection or society;                                       |
|         | <u>X</u> | loss of support; and   |
|         | <u>X</u> | monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the    |
|         | health   | n care and personal care of her husband.   |
|         | 11.      | X Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Spouse, reserve the right to object to federal         |
| jurisdi | ction.   |  |
|         |          |  |
|         |          | <u>DEFENDANTS</u>  |
|         | 12.      | Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Spouse, bring this case against the following Defendants |
| in this | action   | [check all that apply]:  |
|         |          | X National Football League   |
|         |          | X NFL Properties, LLC  |
|         |          | Riddell, Inc.  |

|         |           |                    | All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)          |    |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|---|----|
|         |           |                    | Riddell Sports Group, Inc.  |    |
|         |           |                    | Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.  |    |
|         |           |                    | Easton-Bell Sports, LLC   |    |
|         |           |                    | EB Sports Corporation   |    |
|         |           |                    | RBG Holdings Corporation  |    |
|         | 13.       | NOT A              | APPLICABLE  |    |
|         | 14.       | NOT                | APPLICABLE  |    |
|         | 15.       | Plainti            | iff played in X the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in th     | 16 |
| Ameri   | can Foo   | otball L           | eague ("AFL") during 1994-97 for the following teams:                 |    |
|         |           | t Lions<br>mati Be | ngals   |    |
|         |           |                    | CAUSES OF ACTION  |    |
|         |           |                    |   |    |
|         | 16.       | Plaint             | iff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master     |    |
| Admiı   | nistrativ | e Long             | -Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by   |    |
| referei | nce in tl | nose Co            | unts [check all that apply]:  |    |
|         |           | <u>X</u>           | Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief – Liability (Against the NFL)) |    |
|         |           | <u>X</u>           | Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))                       |    |
|         |           |                    | Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))     |    |

| <u>X</u> | Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))                                   |
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| <u>X</u> | Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))   |
| <u>X</u> | Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))                              |
| <u>X</u> | Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))                                     |
| <u>X</u> | Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))                                   |
| <u>X</u> | Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))                                     |
| <u>X</u> | Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL))                                      |
| <u>X</u> | Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL))                                       |
| <u>X</u> | Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))  |
| <u>X</u> | Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))                                    |
| _        | Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))       |
|          | Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants)) |
| _        | Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))                          |
|          | Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))                              |
| <u>X</u> | Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against All Defendants))        |

| 17.  | Plaintiff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]:     |  |  |  |
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|      | PRAYER FOR RELIEF   |  |  |  |
| WH   | EREFORE, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Spouse, pray for judgment as follows:              |  |  |  |
| A. A | An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;    |  |  |  |
| В. І | For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;                                     |  |  |  |
| C. I | For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action; |  |  |  |
| D. I | For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable    |  |  |  |
| r    | relief;   |  |  |  |
| E. I | For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;  |  |  |  |
| F. 2 | An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and                               |  |  |  |
| G. A | An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.         |  |  |  |
|      | JURY DEMANDED   |  |  |  |
| Purs | uant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by  |  |  |  |

jury.

## RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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